

## TODAY'S READINGS

It is ... an appeal to God for a clear conscience." (1 Peter 3:21)

While St. Peter is describing the Sacrament of Baptism here, he could just as easily be talking about Reconciliation. For what could possibly be a better way to experience a clean conscience than going to confession? When we confess our sins, we are forgiven—completely!

But as we all know, the real challenge is keeping our consciences clear after we have received absolution. It's one thing to experience God's forgiveness, but what will change us so that we don't end up confessing the same things over and over again?

You may be surprised to find that the answer lies—again—in confession! This sacrament doesn't just empty us of the past; it also fills us with God's grace for the future. That's because in confession we meet the One who came to pardon our sins and to transform us so that we can be holy as he is holy. In confession, Jesus lifts the weight of our past sins from our shoulders so that we can go out into the world free from guilt, inspired by grace to say an even firmer no to sin than before.

Of course, we all face temptation, just as Jesus did in today's Gospel. The good news is that because Jesus triumphed in the wilderness, we can find victory as well. How? First, by trusting that we are never alone. Jesus is with us in every situation. Second, by knowing that he has given us the grace of confession not only to forgive us but also to strengthen us against temptation. He is always teaching us, urging us on, and inspiring us with his grace.

So make sure you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. And when you do, know that the grace of this sacrament is there both to cleanse you and to fill you with divine power. It is an ongoing grace that brings you closer to Jesus and strengthens you against temptation.

*"Thank you, Lord, for all the grace that comes with confession! Give me more confidence in your mercy and love."*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Sunday 26th</b>           | Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15             |
| <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>  |   |
| <b>Monday 27th</b>           | Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46                     |
| <b>Tuesday 28th</b>          | Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15                           |
| <b>Wednesday 29th</b>        | Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32                          |
| <b>Thursday 1st</b>          | Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12                  |
| <b>Friday 2nd</b>            | Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26                          |
| <b>Saturday 3rd</b>          | Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48                          |
| <b>Sunday 4th</b>            | Gn 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mk 9:2-10 |
| <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> |   |

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Desde niños nos han enseñado que debemos preocuparnos primero de nosotros mismos, por eso estamos acostumbrados a tener un concepto egocéntrico de la vida y fijarnos más en las cosas del mundo y nos cuesta entender y aceptar las verdades espirituales.

Así como el Señor recibió la plenitud del Espíritu Santo en su Bautismo, nosotros también recibiremos la unción del espíritu en el nuestro; y así como Jesús triunfó sobre Satanás en el desierto, nosotros también podemos vencer a las fuerzas espirituales que tratan de apartarnos del camino recto. Dios actúa poderosamente a través del Bautismo para hacer crecer la vida de la gracia en sus hijos, pero nosotros debemos colaborar permaneciendo fieles y alimentando la semilla de la fe; así podemos triunfar sobre la maldad y pelado.

Mediante el Bautismo, el Señor nos limpia del pecado y planta en nosotros una semilla de vida espiritual, la cual, si se cuida, crece y nos capacita para seguirlo de todo corazón.

San Ambrosio (c. 339-397), obispo de Milán, exhorta al pueblo a permanecer fieles a su herencia bautismal:

*En el Diluvio también hubo una prefiguración del Bautismo . . . ¿Qué fue el Diluvio en realidad sino un modo de preservar al hombre justo para que propagara la justicia y acabara con el pecado? Por eso el Señor, viendo que se multiplicaban los pecados de los hombres, salvó al único justo que había y a sus hijos, y mandó que las aguas cubrieran los montes. El Diluvio entonces, ¿no nos hace recordar el otro diluvio que es el Bautismo, en el cual se la-van todos los pecados, mientras que solo el alma y la gracia del justo nacen a la vida? (Tratado sobre los Sacramentos, III, 1.1)*

*"Señor, concédenos la gracia de unirnos a Ti para salir triunfantes en la batalla espiritual que se libra en nuestro interior. Con tu ayuda, Señor, no tenemos nada que temer."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| <b>Domingo 26</b>                  | Gén 9:8-15 / 1 Pe 3:18-22 / Mc 1:12-15             |
| <i>Primer domingo de Cuaresma</i>  |  |
| <b>Lunes 27</b>                    | Lev 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46                     |
| <b>Martes 28</b>                   | Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15                            |
| <b>Miércoles 29</b>                | Jon 3:1-10 / Lc 11:29-32                           |
| <b>Jueves 1</b>                    | Est 14:1,3-5,12-14 / Mt 7:7-12                     |
| <b>Viernes 2</b>                   | Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26                           |
| <b>Sábado 3</b>                    | Deut 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48                         |
| <b>Domingo 4</b>                   | Gén 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31-34 / Mc 9:2-10 |
| <i>Segundo domingo de Cuaresma</i> |  |

Pick up a free copy of the Lenten edition of *Five Minutes with the Word* in the Cathedral and listen for God speaking to you this Lent.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### LIVING LENT 2012 ✕

#### SHARE IN HOPE FOOD DRIVE

Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington are teaming up for the Share in Hope Food Drive this Lent. To participate, pick up a bag this weekend, **February 25-26**, after any Mass and turn in your donations of nonperishable food items next weekend, **March 3-4**. Our collection will go to the Capital Area Food Bank. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

#### LENTEN LECTURES ON PRAYER

Don't miss the first lecture of our Lenten series, "Pray *All-Ways*," which begins this week. Dr. Edward McCormack and Br. Edward Ogden, OSFS will speak on "Prayer in the Christian Life" on Wednesday, **February 29** and Thursday, **March 1**, respectively (see the Lecture Series flier for details).

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. At St. Matthew's, Wednesday confessions will be heard in English and Spanish from 6:30 to 8pm in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions (weekdays, 11am-Noon and Saturdays, 4-5pm). Plan now to come this Wednesday, **February 29**, and experience forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father through the Son!

#### FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN MEAL

The Stations of the Cross in the form adopted by Pope John Paul II will be prayed in English this Friday, **March 2** (and every Friday of Lent) at 6pm, immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. Join us afterwards for a Simple Lenten Meal in the North Conference Room to benefit L'Arche Community of Greater Washington (see the Simple Lenten Meals flier). All are welcome for all or any part of this evening of prayer, fellowship and almsgiving.

#### MINISERIES ON DISCIPLESHIP IN SCRIPTURE

Deacon Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP will speak to us on "The Sacrifice of Abraham" this Saturday, **March 3**, the first of two special Lenten lectures on "Portraits of Discipleship in Scripture" (see the Portraits of Discipleship flier for details).

#### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Will you give an hour for life? 40 Days for Life needs you to pray, fast, and be a presence outside the downtown Planned Parenthood facility (1108 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW). Join this national and international prayer campaign that has saved and transformed the lives of thousands of mothers, children, and even abortion industry workers. These 40 Days began **February 22** and will end **April 1**. To sign up for an hour, email [40daysforlifedc@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifedc@gmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/washington](http://www.40daysforlife.com/washington).

#### COME—LET US ADORE HIM!

You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **February 27** from 6 to 7pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the hour.

### CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

February 26 – March 4

**SUNDAY**—Las clases de Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

**El Vía Crucis** se rezará (en español) a las 2:15 de la tarde

**MONDAY**—**Eucharistic Adoration** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm.

The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

**TUESDAY**—El Grupo de oración en español se reunirá a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY**—A Lenten lecture is given at 12:45pm in the North Conference Room.

Confessions are held in English and Spanish from 6:30 to 8pm.

Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**THURSDAY**—A Lenten lecture is given at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

**FRIDAY**—**First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm.

**Stations of the Cross** are prayed at 6pm, followed by a Simple Lenten Meal served in the North Conference Room.

**SATURDAY**—Deacon Reisenauer gives a special lecture in the North Conference Room at 10:30am.

**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

**SUNDAY**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am Mass.

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## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



### ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Les invitamos este lunes **27 de febrero** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la adoración.

### CICLO DE CONFERENCIAS DE CUARESMA 2012

Las reflexiones de Cuaresmales de este año toman como base las Siete Palabras o frases que Jesús pronunció desde la cruz; comienzan este martes **28 de febrero** en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

### SEMANA 1: PADRE PERDÓNALES, PORQUE NO SABEN LO QUE HACEN

Martes **28 de febrero** a las 7:00 de la noche

### COMPARTAN ALIMENTOS CON LOS NECESITADOS

El hambre es una realidad presente en nuestra comunidad. Las despensas locales, experimentan una gran demanda de alimentos. Para ayudar a reabastecer provisiones, Caridades Católicas y la Arquidiócesis de Washington están patrocinando un programa para recoger alimentos para las familias necesitadas en esta Cuaresma. Si desean participar, pueden recoger una bolsa este fin de semana, **25-26 de febrero**, después de todas las misas. Pedimos que regresen sus donaciones de artículos alimenticios enlatados o empaquetados, el próximo fin de semana, **3-4 de marzo**. Nuestra colecta será donada a la organización: Capital Area Food Bank Gracias por todo lo que hacen para ayudar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

### CONFESIONES LOS MIERCOLES DE CUARESMA

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Catedral de San Mateo tendrá confesiones disponibles los miércoles de Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8 de la noche comenzando el **29 de febrero**, tendremos confesiones en Inglés y Español, exceptuando el Miércoles de Ceniza y Miércoles Santo, además del horario regular de confesiones (lunes a viernes, 11-12 y sábados 4-5 de la tarde).

### EL VIA CRUCIS Y CENAS DE CUARESMA EN VIERNES

El Vía Crucis, en la forma adaptada por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se rezará en inglés este viernes, **2 de marzo** a las 6:00 de la tarde, inmediatamente después de la misa de 5:30. Acompañenos después para una comida simple de Cuaresma servida en el salón de conferencias del Norte para beneficiar a L'Arche Community of Greater Washington (ver el inserto de comidas simples de Cuaresma). Todos son bienvenidos para todo o parte de esta tarde de oración, compañerismo y limosna.

### CLASES PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTOS

Las personas adultas que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación el **27 de mayo**, día de Pentecostés, tienen que recibir unas clases que se ofrecerán los domingos 15, 22 y 29 de abril; 13 y 20 de mayo a las 10:30 de la mañana en el salón de conferencias del Oeste y tener la partida de bautismo vigente. Deben venir a la rectoría para inscribirse antes del 15 de marzo. También se les invita al retiro de Cuaresma el domingo 18 de marzo de 8:30 de la mañana a 12:30 del mediodía.

## NEWS & NOTES

### CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2012

The Cardinal's Appeal is the one time during the year that all Catholics are asked to make a significant pledge, payable over ten months, to our Archdiocese so that it can meet the spiritual, educational and temporal needs of parishes, schools and the people throughout our Archdiocese. Please participate by pledging! Thank you.

### TRAINING SESSION FOR EMCS

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion fulfill Christ's will to feed the hungry with his Body and Blood. If you are interested in serving as an EMC at the Cathedral, attend a training session on Saturday, **March 3**, 9 to 11:30am, in the East Conference Room. To be an EMC you must have been baptized, received first Holy Communion and been confirmed in the Catholic Church.

### TRAINING SESSION FOR SERVERS

Are up interested in serving the Lord at the altar? We are looking for recruits of all ages, both men and women, to join our dedicated team of altar servers. No experience is necessary—only a desire to serve God. Have a busy schedule? No problem—we are quite flexible. If you are interested or curious, contact Tony Annett at [aannett@imf.org](mailto:aannett@imf.org) and come to our training on **March 10** at 3 pm.

### JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION

The annual Jubilarian celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 3** at 2pm, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Wuerl will be the celebrant. To register from St. Matthew's, call 202-587-5143 by **April 12**.

## FAITH FORMATION

### RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

This Sunday, **February 26**, our parish catechumens and candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Cardinal Wuerl at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Those whom Cardinal Wuerl will call to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist become known as the Elect. They are Sarah Brunelle, Ashley Carter, Todd Chambers, Daniel Fogarty, Lauren Schultz, Lana Shawa, Ryan Walters, and Josef Wolfel. Those whom Cardinal Wuerl will recognize for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are Adam Coogle, Richard Corretjer, Brian Darville, Charles Homans, Tracy Huff, Caroline Lee, Brian Lichter, Rebecca Milfeld, Stephen Nagy, Roberta Ohoi, Katherine Ripley, Elizabeth Shull, and Samantha Warfield. Please keep these women and men in your prayers.

### BOOK CLUB: *JESUS OF NAZARETH (PART 2)*

All are welcome to join the St. Matthew's Book Club for their next meeting on Monday, **March 12** to discuss *Jesus of Nazareth (Part 2)* by Pope Benedict XVI. This book is the second installment in Pope Benedict's spiritual reflections on the life of Christ. In it, Pope Benedict focuses on the events that we now celebrate during Holy Week. The Book Club meets in the West Conference Room at 6:45pm. Please contact Paul Zummo at [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com) with any questions.

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic, St. Matthew's offers Inquiry, a casual, ongoing conversation about the Catholic faith, once a month. Inquiry is the first step in the process of discerning one's commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. A brief overview of the entire adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally in June each year, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be held Wednesday, **March 14**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### REGISTER NOW FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION!

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost for *active, baptized Catholics who have received First Eucharist but not Confirmation*. The celebration of adult Confirmation occurs at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, which will be **May 27** (Memorial Day weekend). The preparation includes five sessions from 7 to 8:30pm on Thursdays, **April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17** and a Saturday retreat on **May 19**. To register, pick up a registration packet in the Cathedral rectory, or download and print it on the Cathedral website ([www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)). Registration materials are due to Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, in the Cathedral rectory no later than Friday, **March 23**. Questions? Contact Heather at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### DOMINICAN LECTURE SERIES

The Dominicans will host "The Sorrowful Mysteries," a five-part lecture series at their houses in Washington, DC. Each Sunday from **February 26** to **March 25**, a student-brother will speak at 7:30pm at the Dominican House of Studies (NE), and each Friday from **February 24** to **March 23** at 7pm at St. Dominic's Parish (SW). Visit [www.dhspriory.org](http://www.dhspriory.org) for details.

### ROSARIES FOR THE UNBORN

The Archdiocese of Washington, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus in Maryland, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and the Diocese of Wilmington, is seeking prayer pledges for least 100,000 rosaries for the unborn in the month of March. Pledge online at [www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/rosary-pledges.cfm](http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/rosary-pledges.cfm)

### 9TH ANNUAL "LIVE JESUS"

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to attend the ninth annual "Live Jesus," a morning of Lenten reflection and renewal through the lens of Salesian spirituality, on Saturday, **March 17** from 8am to 12:30pm at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington DC. The theme is "Hospitality of the Heart: Welcoming Our Friends and Our Enemies." Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8am, and the program will begin at 9am with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS, Oblate Provincial. Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted for the support of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and their ministries. Register at [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org).

### 2012 ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT: BLESSED ARE YOU

Join women from across the Archdiocese on Saturday, **March 24** from 8am to 3:15pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Church (7501 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD) for Mass with Cardinal Wuerl, presentations, small group discussion, adoration, confession and opportunities to build up your library at the spiritual exhibit hall. Contact: Sarah Yaklic at 301-853-4559 or visit [www.adw.org/conferences](http://www.adw.org/conferences). The cost is \$20, lunch included.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, February 26**

5:30pm (vigil) –

Elizabeth C. Cotter

7am – Joanna Taracha

8:30am – Jose Lopez

10am – Theresa Appolito

11:30am – All Parishioners

1pm – Felice Ariano

5:30pm – John Seberowski

**Monday, February 27**

7am – Josephine Klug Kuhn

8am – Brigitte Kekeh

12:10pm – Anthony Origlio

5:30pm – Kara A. Kennedy

**Tuesday, February 28**

7am – Deacon James Yun

8am – All Poor Souls

12:10pm – Eileen Roche

5:30pm – Martha Honasan

**Wednesday, February 29**

7am – Steve Velicho

8am – Tommy Bachi (living)

12:10pm – Thanksgiving

5:30pm – John Pugh

**Thursday, March 1**

7am – Gregorio Honasan

8am – Robert Eagan

12:10pm – Deacon Hiram Haywood

5:30pm – Francis Lindgren

**Friday, March 2**

7am – Amanda Delange (living)

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Deacon Michael

Kronschnabel

5:30am – Mary Ellen Hooper (living)

**Saturday, March 3**

8am – Marguerite Lange

12:10pm – Margie Sullivan (living)

5:30pm – Labibeh Abou-Assi

**Sunday, March 4**

7am – Nestor &amp; Teofila Palomino

8:30am – James Burke

10am – Mable Baca

11:30am – Jason Warren (living)

1pm – Moises, Esteban y Adelina Lopez

5:30pm – All Parishioners

*To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectory. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.*

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING  
YOUR CATHEDRAL  
PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

*For more information,  
please contact  
Msgr. Jameson.*

**MARRIAGES**

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding ceremony at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us **at least nine (9) months in advance** of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

**BAPTISMS**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to make contact with us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, at which time they may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. This early contact enables parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session before the child's baptism and allows time for sponsors to obtain letters from their parish pastor.

**CATHEDRAL TOURS**

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or to do a self-guided tour using the color brochures available at the inside entrance to the Cathedral. Guided tours are given free of charge. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or to our receptionist at the Rectory. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at 202-347-3215 x512 or 202-587-5143 or [mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS****C†YA LENTEN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION – Sunday, March**

**11 – 3 to 5:30pm - Cathedral (meet in Our Lady's Chapel on left of nave)** this mini-retreat will include guided meditation, the rosary, time for personal prayer, and the opportunity for confession. Contact Tiffany at [tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanyawaits@yahoo.com) for more information

**C†YA SPRING KICKBALL TEAM – Sundays, April 22 to June 17 – 2 to 3pm – the Washington Monument (17th St NW & Constitution)**

Join the Cathedral Young Adults team in the WAKA DC Monument kickball league. The cost is \$65 per person, which covers a team shirt, equipment, park fees, and league party. No athletic ability required – we're just out to have fun! Contact co-captain Brandon at [bjameshines@gmail.com](mailto:bjameshines@gmail.com) for details on how to register.

**GIFT ITEMS**

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church written by Richard Schmidt and Claudia Rousseau, with Joseph Carey, Nancy McKinley and Elizabeth Sullivan. It features the Cathedral's history, art and architecture vividly portrayed through photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree. Also available are sets of six note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of ten Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and several CD recordings of the Cathedral's *Schola Cantorum*.

Items may be purchased in the Rectory during office hours. the Rectory is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until 8pm and Friday through Sunday from 9am until 4pm. You also may order items by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x 517 or at [garrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:garrington@stmatthewscathedral.org). MasterCard and Visa are accepted.



# Lenten Lecture Series

## Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

### **PRAY ALL — WAYS**

*The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer.*

*In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exhorts: “**Pray without ceasing**” (5:17).*

*This year’s Lenten Lecture Series will focus on cultivating a richer attitude and practice of prayer in our daily lives.*

Our Lenten Lecture Series begins this week with talks on

## **PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

This first talk of our series will address the place and value of prayer in our lives.

Subsequent talks will explore particular topics related to prayer.

### **Join us Wednesday, February 29 or Thursday, March 1**

Our speaker **Wednesday** is

**Dr. Edward McCormack** (Chair of Pastoral Studies &  
Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality, Washington Theological Union).

Edward McCormack holds a doctorate in Systematic Theology from The Catholic University of America where he studied under Rev. Joseph Komonchak. He has taught high school religion in Micronesia and New Jersey and theology at Georgetown University, the Dominican House of Studies, and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. He has been involved in retreat work with the Spiritual Exercises for twenty years directing retreats and days of reflection and offering spiritual direction.

Our speaker **Thursday** is

**Bro. Edward Ogden, OSFS** (Director of Formation, DeSales Hall,  
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales)

After serving as principal of Nativity Preparatory School, a tuition-free middle school for boys, in Wilmington DE for five years, Edward Ogden, a religious brother, has served as Director of Formation for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales seminarians and Brothers of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province since 2008. He also previously taught at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax VA and currently serves as Director of Campus Ministry at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington DC.

*Wednesday lectures: 12:45pm to 1:45pm*

*Thursday lectures: 7pm to 8pm*

*All lectures will be held in the North Conference Room.*

Follow the directional signs to the lectures. Lectures are free and open to the public. Join us for any or all.

No RSVP necessary.

Questions? Email [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org) or call 202-347-3215, x530.

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*Metro: Red Line to Farragut North (L Street exit)*

*Parking: limited metered street parking or  
public garage next to Cathedral*

*(\$10 per hour before 4pm-\$16 daily max or  
\$5 flat fee after 4pm)*

\*Complete series schedule available in Lenten brochure in pew racks\*

# Simple Lenten Meals

SOUP \* BREAD \* WATER



## Every Friday during Lent

FOLLOWING THE 5:30pm MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL, NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us for the sustenance of food and fellowship. Donations collected each week will help support a different DC-based charity.

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>: Mary House**

- Speaker—Bill Murphy, Executive Director
- Meal organizer—Social Justice Committee

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>: L'Arche Community of Greater Washington**

- Speaker—Sarah Ruskowski, Assistant from Ontario house & other members of L'Arche community
- Meal organizer—RCIA Catechumens

### **March 9<sup>th</sup>: Spanish Catholic Center**

- Speaker—Nick Despotidis, Assistant to the Director of the Spanish Catholic Center & Christina Villella, Assistant to the Medical Director
- Meal organizer—members of our Hispanic community

### **March 16<sup>th</sup>: Northwest Center**

- Speaker—Kim Cook, Pregnancy Center Director
- Meal organizer—Knights of Columbus

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Prison Outreach Ministry**

- Speaker—Sister Susan Van Baalen, O.P., Executive Director
- Meal organizer—Young Adults

### **March 30<sup>th</sup>: Home of St. Francis of Assisi, orphanage in Choclacayo, Perú**

- Speaker—Patricia Abad and other volunteers (TBA)
- Meal organizer—Parish Pastoral Council & Liturgy Committee

**\*\*A special thank you to our neighbors from Bertucci's Italian Restaurant for their donation of dinner rolls\*\***

**10:30 to 11:45am • Saturday, March 3 • North Conference Room**

**The Sacrifice of Abraham**  
***Brother Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP***

Genesis 22 presents the moving saga of Abraham's journey in obedience to sacrifice his most precious treasure, his only beloved son of the promise, Isaac. With the contributions of commentators -- rabbinic and patristic, medieval and modern -- this presentation gradually walks along with our father in faith to investigate the meaning of struggle and sacrifice, the stance of readiness and obedience, and the agony and the ecstasy of striving to prefer nothing to the love of God. The lesson of Abraham instructs us how God not only graciously champions in man but also generously outcompetes man through the sacrifice of his own only beloved Son. As with Abraham, despite the difficulties, God encourages us along the road of faithful discipleship.

*Our Dominican Deacons Present:*  
***“PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP  
IN SCRIPTURE”***

**10:30 to 11:45am • Saturday, March 17 • North Conference Room**

**The Beloved Disciple**  
**Brother Albert Duggan, OP**

The Gospel of John tells us of “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” Though he is never named in Scripture, this beloved disciple is traditionally identified as the author of the Gospel itself. Among Jesus' followers, he holds a special position—sitting next to Jesus at the Last Supper, standing with Mary at the foot of the cross, and running to discover the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Gospel and St. John's other writings, this presentation will consider the essence of discipleship, an intimacy with Jesus that bears fruit in the disciple's own life and overflows to the lives of those around him.

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*Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.*

*Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.  
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.*

**NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org)

## † Ordinations of Our Dominican Seminarians †



Br. Albert Duggan, O.P. will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, *March 10, 2012* in the Priory Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies. Since last fall, he has been assisting with liturgical ministries at St. Matthew's Cathedral. He is also involved in marriage preparation for engaged couples and, with Deacon Augustine Reisenauer, O.P., he facilitates a discussion group for the parents of children in St. Matthew's religious education program. Originally from suburban Detroit, he graduated from Brown University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in biomedical ethics. He worked as a research coordinator in the Bioethics Institute at Johns Hopkins University before entering the Dominican Order in 2007. He is currently enrolled in theological studies at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies. Br. Albert will assist as a deacon for the first time at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, *March 11, 2012*.

Br. Augustine Marie Reisenauer, O.P. will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, *May 25, 2012* at the Church of St. Dominic in Washington, DC. He has appreciated serving the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Matthew for the past two years, teaching parents and children of the English Religious Education Program, journeying with engaged couples in their preparations for marriage, serving weekly and preaching monthly at Sunday Masses (rotating among the 5:30 p.m. Vigil, 8:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses), celebrating baptisms of infants, and contributing to lecture series and bible studies. After completing his B.S. (2003) and M.T.S. (2006) degrees at the University of Notre Dame, Br. Augustine entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), made solemn profession on November 13, 2010, and was ordained a deacon on January 8, 2011. Br. Augustine will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Matthew's Cathedral at 5:30pm on Saturday, *May 26, 2012* (the Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost), and also the 8:30am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, *May 27, 2012*. All are most welcome to his ordination at St. Dominic's Church and to the Masses at St. Matthew's Cathedral.



*Come and hear Br. Augustine and Br. Albert as they share the fruits of their seminarian studies with St. Matthew's parishioners this Lenten season in a lecture series, "Portraits of Discipleship in Scripture." See the flier in today's bulletin for details.*

*Please keep Br. Albert and Br. Augustine in your prayers as they prepare for their ordinations.*

## Parish Evangelization Survey – Indicators of Vitality

During November and December, we conducted the first phase of our parish survey to begin our efforts in parish evangelization. This survey composed by the Archdiocese assesses five areas of parish activity: **Worship; Community Life; Formation/ Education; Outreach Service; Administration**. To facilitate survey participation, we have converted the survey into an electronic form that can be completed over the internet.

The first phase invited the participation of all members of our Parish Pastoral Council and the members of its standing Committees, the Finance Council and also all members of our liturgical ministries. This totaled close to 300 parishioners. Surprisingly, almost 50% of those invited responded to the questionnaire. We thought you might like to know some statistics that describe the demographic composition of those who participated in the first phase:

**Gender:** Male (52%); Female (48%)

**Age:** 35 and below (20%); 36-50 (31%); 50-65 (33%); 65+ (15%)

**Marital Status:** Single (61%); Married (25%); Parents (9%); Separated or widowed (5%)

**Residence:** Near the cathedral (25%); DC otherwise (37%); MD (13%); VA (25%);

**Time in Parish:** 10 years or less (61%); 10 years or more (39%)

**Usual Mass:** 5:30 Sat (11%); 7am (5%); 8:30 (12%); 10am (22%); 11:30 (20%); 5:30pm (31%)

In addition, participants were invited to submit narrative comments in each of the survey sections. As the following indicates, quite a few made comments: **Worship** (46); **Education/Formation** (29); **Community Life** (22); **Outreach/Service** (15); **Suggestions for Being More Active** (54)

The Evangelization Team is now beginning to evaluate the detailed data to see where we can and should devote our efforts. This will be a long-term endeavor in the hope of strengthening each of us disciples (followers), but more importantly, to make us apostles (messengers) of Christ.

During the rest of February and March, randomly-selected parishioners have been selected from our parish registry totaling some 400 individuals and will be invited by email to participate in this survey as well. Others parishioners who may wish to take the survey can do so by contacting Deacon Merella (our parish coordinator of evangelization) at: [merella@wtu.edu](mailto:merella@wtu.edu).

We will report to you on the survey as it develops and as we evaluate the data.

—Deacon Bart Merella

# **Women of St. Matthew's: *Accept the Invitation and Come Away with the Lord!***



## **ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT**

**ORGANIZED BY ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL CLUB  
ALL WOMEN PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME!**

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER!**

**March 23-25, 2012**

**Washington Retreat House**

**4000 Harewood Road, NE**

**Washington, DC 20017-1595**

**Retreat Leader: Rev. John Rose,  
Director of Spiritual Formation, St Luke Institute**

For more information, call Mary Latka at 202-232-3261  
or pick up an information letter and reservation form at the Rectory.  
A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required, with the balance due upon arrival.

*Accept the invitation and come away with the Lord!*